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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION TO PRESIDENT FORD'S TRIP

1. COVERAGE OF HELSINKI CONFERENCE IS DOMINATED BY DISCUSSION OF MAKE-UP PORTUGUESE CONTINGENT. ONE FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN MAJOR MORNING DAILY, DIARIO DE NOTICIAS (D/N) (JULY 29) IN DESCRIBING GOP PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES' PARTICIPATION IN FORTH-COMING CONFERENCE IS REMINISCENT OF THE OLD "DAVID SALLIES FORTH TO MEET THE GOLIATHS" STORY. REPORTAGE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S RECEPTION IN WARSAW IS STRAIGHTFORWARD, WIRE SERVICE COPY.

2. ANOTHER EDITORIAL IN D/N STRESSES THE ECONOMIC OVER THE STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE OF FORD'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MAJOR EUROPEAN POWERS.

3. OPORTO DAILY "JORNAL DE NOTICIAS" (JULY 27) MENTIONS DOMESTIC (U.S.) CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT FORD'S ACQUIESCENCE OF EASTERN EUROPEAN BOUNDARIES. ARTICLE QUOTES FORD AS REFUTING THIS CRITICISM, "THE UNITED STATES HAVE NEVER RECOGNIZED THE INCLUSION OF LITHUANIA, LATVIA, AND ESTONIA IN THE SOVIET UNION AND WILL NOT DO SO IN HELSINKI." THE EASTERN EUROPEAN BORDER ISSUE, AS WELL AS THE UNDERLYING ISSUE OF THE RIGHT OR SELFDETERMINATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF EASTERN EUROPE, HAS NOT FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN LISBON PAPERS.

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